

## Public Notice: Request for Comments



### Proposed Plan for Partial Closure of a Tank System used for storing and treating Hazardous Waste at the INL [Docket #10HW-0505]

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**What is the purpose of this notice?** An owner/ operator proposing to close a tank system used for storing or treating hazardous wastes, subject to Idaho's Hazardous Waste Management Act, must develop a plan for closure that meets specific requirements. Before DEQ approves such a plan, you (the public) and the applicant, have an opportunity to comment regarding the plan. The plan is hereby proposed for approval.

**Describe the unit being closed:** The partial closure plan describes procedures for closing a portion of a hazardous and radioactive waste treatment tank system located at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC) at INL. The operator's designation for this unit is the Fluorinel Dissolution Process and Fuel Storage (FAST) Basin Water Aquaskid System. The portion of the Aquaskid tank system requiring closure includes the caustic day tank, a regeneration day tank, and associated ancillary piping. The Aquaskid tank system did not pass its initial operations test and was never put into service. However, corrosive solutions remained in portions of the tank system for longer than 90 days following the operations test, resulting in the tank system becoming subject to RCRA/HWMA closure. The draft closure plan sets conditions for

removal of waste residuals, inspection, decontamination and certification of closure, to ensure protection of human health and the environment during and after closure.

**What closure conditions are affected?** The plan, in its entirety, is open for public review and comment.

**Where can I get more information?**

In person: The draft partial-closure plan and Fact Sheet may be reviewed at the Idaho DEQ State Office located at 1410 North Hilton, in Boise, Idaho, or at DEQ's Idaho Falls Regional Office located at 900 N. Skyline, Suite B, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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Online: A copy of the Fact Sheet related to the partial post-closure plan is available online via the DEQ web site ([www.deq.idaho.gov](http://www.deq.idaho.gov)).

By Phone: You may also request a copy of the Fact Sheet by contacting Robert Bullock at (208) 373-0502.

**When are written comments due?**

5 p.m. on October 26, 2005. Comments should be addressed to Robert Bullock, c/o Teri Gregory, Idaho Department of

Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

**Who will be responsible for implementing this plan?**  
The Department of Energy.

**Who is the issuing office?**  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706.

**What are DEQ's responsibilities?** The Idaho DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality, and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits and plans for certain activities.

**What legal requirements apply?** Idaho's rules require that DEQ provide an owner or operator and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on a draft plan for closure.

**What happens next?** The DEQ will consider any comments and/or requests for a hearing on the draft Closure Plan and will either announce a time and place for a hearing, modify the draft plan, or approve the Closure Plan as proposed.